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Title: MOLDED DETERGENT COMPOSITION AND METHODS FOR
MANUFACTURING AND USING A MOLDED DETERGENT
COMPOSITION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on September 13, 2001.
Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a molded detergent composition, the method comprising steps of:
- (a) mixing a hydrated component and a hydratable component, without heating, to provide a mixture:
 - (i) the hydrated component having a melting point below about 100° C and comprising a transhydration product of an anhydrous material and water of hydration, the anhydrous material having a melting point greater than about 300° C;
 - (ii) the hydratable component comprising water, if present at all, at a level of less than about 2 wt.% based on the weight of the hydratable component; and

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